

dependant Claims 26 and 27 would be allowable if re-written to overcome the Section 112, 2nd paragraph rejection.

The Examiner has also requested proposed drawings to show the features claimed in claims 20 and 21.

As discussed below, Applicants have amended Claims 16, 28 and 30 to comply with the Section 112, 2nd paragraph rejection, and added new Claims 32 and 33. Applicants also submit a new proposed drawing and respectfully traverses the Section 103(a) rejections.

AMENDMENT OF APPLICATION

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims.

16. (Amended) A bookmark for use in between pages of a book having a spine and a binding comprising:
- a flexible, elongated, intermediate member having a first end and an opposing end, said member having a predetermined length and thickness, said thickness and being [sufficiently thin] of a size to allow said intermediate member to extend between the pages of the book and along the length of the spine of the book without stretching its binding;
- a top anchor having a thickness [in a direction substantially perpendicular to the length of the spine] greater than the thickness of the intermediate member and being in the form of a portion of a character including a head end secured to said first end;

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a bottom anchor having a thickness [in a direction substantially perpendicular to the length of the spine] greater than the thickness of the intermediate member and being in the form of a second portion of said character [complementing said first portion end] secured to said second end;

wherein the length of said intermediate member may be extended from its predetermined length to accommodate books of different sizes; and

wherein said anchors inhibit removal of the bookmark in a direction parallel to the length of the spine when the book is inserted therein.

28. (Amended) A bookmark as set forth in claim 16, wherein:

a length of said intermediate member is capable of being coiled around said bottom anchor whereby [and] said top anchor rests against said bottom anchor to assume a storage position for the bookmark in the form of said character in a sitting position when the bookmark is not inserted within the book.

30. (Amended) A new bookmark for insertion between the pages of a book including a spine and comprising:

a thin, flexible, elongated connector having a first end and an opposing second end, said connector having a predetermined [width] length;

a three-dimensional, first [top] stop in the form of a figure having an upper torso supporting a head and a pair of forelimbs;

a three-dimensional second [bottom] stop in the form of a lower torso

[complementary] portion of said first [top] stop including a retention member for retaining a coiled portion of said connector; and

wherein said stops inhibit the removal of the bookmark in a direction substantially parallel to the length of the spine when the bookmark is inserted between pages of the book.

Please add the following new claims:

32. (New) A bookmark for use in between pages of a book having a spine and a binding comprising:

a flexible, elongated, intermediate member having a first end and an opposing second end, said member having a predetermined length and thickness, said thickness and being of a size to allow said intermediate member to extend between the pages of the book and along the length of the spine of the book without stretching its binding;

a top anchor having a thickness greater than the thickness of the intermediate member and being in the form of a portion of a character including a head end secured to said first end;

a bottom anchor having a thickness greater than the thickness of the intermediate member and being in the form of a second portion of said character complementing said first portion end secured to said second end; and

wherein said anchors inhibit removal of the bookmark in a direction parallel to the length of the spine when the book is inserted therein.